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SUBJECT: SIXTH FLEET INSPECTION VISIT OF BIZERTE PORT
FACILITIES

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1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION I HAVE DECIDED THAT AN INFORMAL VISIT BY SIXTH FLEET STAFF MEMBERS AT THIS TIME TO LOOK OVER BIZERTE FACILITIES WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE, EVEN ON RESTRICTED BASES REFTEL A. VISIT WOULD NOT ADD MUCH TO OUR EXISTING KNOWLEDGE OF BIZERTE PORT FACILITIES, AND I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT SUCH A VISIT MIGHT WELL WHET THE APPETITES OF GOT TO MAKE FURTHER DEMANDS ON USG FOR NAVAL ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET. IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S VAGUE "OFFER", AS REPORTED BY TUNIS 3148, WAS PROFERRED IN AN INFORMAL ASIDE DURING A LUNCHEON FOR FORMER AMBASSADOR RUSSELL. NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR ANYONE ON HIS STAFF HAS FOLLOWED UP THIS "OFFER" AND WE HAVE DELIBERATELY ABSTAINED FROM RAISING IT WITH GOT. PRESUMABLY, TUNISIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO BUILD UP BIZERTE INFO MAJOR COMMERCIAL REPAIR FACILITY AND WOULD HOPE FOR MAJOR U.S. INVESTMENT TO THIS END.

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2. I WILL PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH ADMIRAL MURPHY
DURING HIS SCHEDULED VISIT IN DECEMBER.
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